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SUBJECT : WITHDRAWALS OF US FORCES FROM THAILAND

REFS: A. STATE 113741; B. CINCPAC 300325Z MAY 74

1. THE RTG SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS WENT WITH THE FOLLOWING
ANNOUNCEMENT AT 0800 LOCAL MAY 31. BEGIN TEXT: (INFORMAL
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FROM THAI)

THE RTG AUTHORITIES EARLIER ISSUED A STATEMENT OF
REDUCTION OF US PERSONNEL AND FORCES FOR THE MONTH OF
MAY 74 AND TOOK PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO OBSERVE THE
WITHDRAWAL OF B-52S FROM UTAPAO AIR BASE ON MAY 15, 1974.
THAI AND US REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NEGOTIATED AND AGREED
TO MAKE FURTHER REDUCTIONS. SIXTY MORE PLANES WILL BE PULLED
OUT WITHIN THE MONTH OF JUNE 1974. THERE WILL BE NINE
B-52S FROM UTAPAO AIR BASE AND 51 (OTHER AIRCRAFT IN-
CLUDING) F-4 FIGHTERS AND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT FROM UDORN,
KORAT AND NAKHON PHANOM AIR BASES. THE THAI AND US
GOVERNMENTS HAVE MUTUALLY AGREED THAT THE US WILL PULL OUT
ALL HER FORCES FROM TAKHLI AIR BASE BEFORE THE END OF 1974.

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL ANNOUNCE FURTHER REDUCTION OF US FORCES

AND PERSONNEL REMAINING IN THAILAND IN THE FUTURE.
END TEXT.

2. SINCE THE RTG DID NOT MENTION UBON, WE PLAN TO RESPOND TO
QUERIES SAYING, "WE HAVE NOTHING FURTHER FOR YOU ON
POSSIBLE BASE CLOSURES AT THE PRESENT TIME."

3. FYI: SUPREME COMMAND INFORMATION OFFICER INSISTED HIS
INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO USE EXACT NUMBER OF 60 AIRCRAFT
EVEN THOUGH WE TOLD THEM THERE MIGHT BE MORE,
CLAIMING THEY MUST SEEM TO HAVE PRECISE FIGURE IN MAKING
THEIR ANNOUNCEMENT. THEY SAID IF LARGER FIGURE COMES OUT
LATER, THAT DOES NOT MATTER. FOR OUR PURPOSES, WE PLAN TO SAY
"ABOUT" 60 PLANES WILL BE GOING. END FYI.
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